THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) Government has been meeting the shortfall faced by NTC in payment of wages, salaries and bonus to its workers and employees, pending approval of the revised Turn Around Plan by the BIFR and its implementation. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 303 crores has been released to NTC as non-plan loan for payment of wages, salaries and bonus upto December, 1996.

Export of Readymade Garments

1308. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of readymade garments exported during the last three years;

(b) whether the negative growth witnessed during December, 1996 will effect this year's export target;

(c) if so, the details; and

(d) the target fixed for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The approximate quantum of readymade garments exported during the last three years have been as follows:—

Year	Quantity (In lakh pieces)
1993-94	9,280
1994-95	9,924
1995-96	10,982

(b) and (c) The negative growth in garment exports during the month of December, 1996 is not likely to affect the overall achievement during 1996-97.

(d) The export targets for 1997-98 are yet to be fixed.

Setting up of Powerloom Service Centres in Gujarat

1309. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the powerloom service centres set up in the country during the last five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only two centres has been set up in Gujarat during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) whether it is a fact that Gujarat being the biggest centre in powerloom sector, there is a need to set up more powerloom service centres in the State;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up more such centres in Gujarat;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (f) During the Eighth Five Year Plan the following Powerlooms Service Centres have been openend:—

S. No.	Year	Name of Place	Name of State
1.	1992-93	Bangalore	Karnataka
2.	1992-93	Komarapalayam	Tamil Nadu
3.	1992-93	Dholka	Gujarat
4.	1993-94	Sachin	Gujarat
5.	1993-94	Betagiri	Karnataka
6.	1993-94	Huzurabad (Karimnagar)	Andhra Pradesh
7.	1993-94	Bhiwandi	Maharashtra
8.	1994-95	Alwar	Rajasthan
9.	1994-95	Salem	Tamil Nadu

S. No.	Year	Name of Place	Name of State
10.	1994-95	Somanur	Tamil Nadu
11.	1994-95	Pandesara	Gujarat
12.	1995-96	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
13.	1995-96	Kannur	Kerala
14.	1995-96	Bhagalpur	Bihar

The locations of these Powerloom Service Centres have been decided on receipt of suggestions/proposals from State Governments and Textile Research Associations, and on the basis of areas of Powerloom concentration. Now it has been decided that no new Powerloom Service Centres will be openend and the existing Centres will be modernised and strengthened.

हस्तशिल्प के निर्यात को बढ़ावा दिया जाना

1310. **श्री अखिलेश दास:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हस्तशिल्प निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद् ने हाल ही में दिल्ली में एक तीन दिवसीय हस्तशिल्प और उपहार मेले का आयोजन किया था;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारत में सबसे अधिक संख्या में कारीगर होने के बावजूद विश्व हस्तशिल्प बाजार में भारत का भाग बहुत कम है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार जल्दी ही निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए अल्पावधि और दीर्घकालीन योजनायें बनाने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० जालप्पा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) यद्यपि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान हस्तशिल्प निर्यात में 29.25% वार्षिक औसतन वृद्धि हुई, तथापि विश्व हस्तशिल्प बाजार में भारत का अंश बहुत कम है।

(ग) और (घ) हस्तशिल्प निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए अनेकों योजनाएं कार्यान्वित की जा रही है जिनमें कौशल संवर्धन के लिए प्रशिक्षण, डिजाइन एवं तकनीकी विकास प्रौद्योगिकी उत्थान, आधुनिक मशीनरी तथा औजारों सहित सामान्य सुविधा केन्द्रों की स्थापना, उच्च निर्यात सम्भावव्यता से अल्पज्ञात शिल्पों का विकास तथा संवर्धन, लुप्तप्रायः परम्परागत शिल्पों का पुनः उत्थान, शिल्प वस्तुओं की पैकिंग पर विशेष प्रशिक्षण, क्रेता विक्रेता बैठकों का आयोजन, मेले तथा उत्सवों में भागीदारी, विदेशों में बिक्री-सह-अध्ययन दल प्रयोजित करना, भारत में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के हस्तशिल्प तथा कालीन मेलों का आयोजन शामिल है।

Views of International Experts on Water Management

1311. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Water Management exports have opined in a workshop held recently in New Delhi that only five per cent diversion of irrigation water can take care of the worsening water problem in urban areas and that this method has been successfully adopted in several parts of Europe and the American Continents; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) A press report on the subject has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Constant efforts are made by the Government for judicious management of all available waters.

Flood Management Measures in Maharashtra

1312. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: